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#### LETTERS FROM NOBLES IN SERVICE

LAST month Potentate Wilson sent a carton of cigarettes and a Christmas Greeting in the name of Aleppo to the 295 Nobles of the Temple serving in the armed forces. The following are a few of the many letters received from the boys acknowledging the thoughtful gift.

Noble Robert G. Wilson, Jr., Illustrious Potentate, Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.

Dear Noble:

"I wish to thank Aleppo for the splendid Christmas Greetings I received only yesterday. The slogan, 'wherever particular people congregate' printed on the face of each Pall Mall package, seems to qualify the famous cigarette for Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

"Please assure Aleppo that we, of the armed forces, deeply appreciate these sincere acts of thoughtfulness, and that we expect those Nobles on the home front will establish a leadership which those just as American, but perhaps somewhat less informed, will be eager to follow.

"Fraternally yours,

"C. F. Grisham,
"Captain U. S. Navy,
"Commanding U.S.S. Dauntless."

"Dear Potentate,

"I want to thank you and Aleppo for the carton of cigarettes you sent me. As you know, cigarettes are always an acceptable gift in the Service. The only thing I wonder about is how come you sent me Pall Malls, which happens to be my brand. That is really calling your shot.

"There is no Temple handy to camp where I can attend meetings. About three weeks ago two Temples from other parts of the State combined and put on a Ceremonial here in the nearby town of Columbia, but duty prevented my attendance. While I do miss attending meetings at Aleppo, it is nice to know that the gang back home still remembers, even though we are so scattered.

"Yours in the Faith,

"Pvt. Walter T. Leavitt, "Aleppo Shrine Band." "Dear Illustrious Potentate:

"Cigarettes and Xmas Greetings received with many thanks to the kind Nobles who are always ready and anxious to see that happiness and good cheer is spread among the personnel of the armed services.

"I have been in the service for thirtytwo years and am a veteran of both wars and do appreciate the Welfare program policy carried on by our great Order.

"We are having beautiful weather down here for this season of the year and am in hopes it will continue for one good reason—that coal question won't bother us.

"We have a very fine Temple down here, too, and I enjoy many pleasant evenings there with the members of the Lodge.

"Have been located here in Jacksonville for over a year, serving as Captain of the Port. We are very busy... assisting in bringing victory back to our great country.

"Thanking you again, I am

"Yours fraternally,

"Lt. Comdr. C. J. Sullivan,
"U. S. Coast Guard, Capt. of the Port,
"Federal Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.

"Aleppo Temple, "97 Hungtington Ave., "Boston, Mass.

"Dear Nobles:

"Today I received a carton of cigarettes together with a Xmas card and I would like to say that it was most acceptable. I sure appreciate the fact that I was remembered from Boston and Aleppo and I want to thank you very much.

"You might notice that my address has changed. I should like to tell you about

where I am but, of course, you know that is out at this time. However, our experiences will be long remembered and, perhaps, we are really lucky to be able to partake of them.

"It is a real pleasure to be remembered at home and I do appreciate it. I wish to send my best regards to all the members at home and to those in the service I say: 'The best of luck.'

"Yours in the Faith,

"RALPH E. MILLER, CY, U.S.N.R., "U.S.S. Bunker Hill."

"Dear Gardie:

"I have received a very kind Christmas remembrance from Aleppo Temple, and, needless to say, I am indeed grateful as the ration of cigarettes, of seven packages a week, hardly meets an inveterate smoker's needs, such as myself. With each puff of smoke I'll ring your name (not your neek) and hang it in the Hall of Fame.

"I hope you are enjoying life, as for me, I'm not doing too badly. Manage to get by in a good degree, my health is all right for an old broken-down hotel man — however, I do miss all the good friends such as yourself. Winter is setting in, black-out time is now from 6 P.M. until 7 A.M., so we have plenty of time to sleep.

"Give my regards to all of the boys and my sincere and grateful wishes to you.

"Sincerely,

"Lt. Col. Leelan E. Witney, "Hq. Gen. Purchasing Board, "APO 887, c/o Postmaster, "New York, N. Y."

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# To the Nobles of Aleppo:--

Pour Officers send Greetings and best wishes for the Christ-mas and New Year Season with the hope that the coming year will see the end of the great struggle for Freedom and Justice, which have been challenged by the dictator nations.

It is our sincere hope that this conflict may be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion, that free people may live and enjoy Peace, Health, Happiness and Prosperity in a free country.



#### ANNUAL MEETING

THE date of the next annual meeting of Aleppo Temple has been set for Friday, January 28, 1944. The program and details of the meeting will appear in the January issue of the Aleppo Monthly News.

This will be the annual business meeting for the purpose of balloting upon and initiating members into the Order as well as the annual election of officers for 1944. As in the past, the evening meeting and election will be followed by a grand vaude-ville show.

Mark this date down now on your calendar, Noble, and plan to start the new Shrine year off with a bang. Get your 1944 membership card at the Recorder's office, at once, so you will be sure to have it for the coming events of Aleppo Temple in the year 1944.

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When you get into your warm comfortable bed tonight, think of the youngsters who are sleeping in mud, rain and snow, fighting to protect and to preserve the comfort of your home for you and your family. Tomorrow he may be calling for you to give him his very life. And for all you know it might be the youngster who lives down the street. Will you be found wanting, Noble?

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## ALEPPO TEMPLE NEWS ENJOYED IN THE WAR ZONE

ONE of Aleppo Temple's Nobles, Lt. M. M. Rosser, who is at present seeing service aboard the U.S.S. DuPage, writes the following letter to the Aleppo News.

"Harvey B. Leggee, Editor, "Boston, Mass.

"Dear Noble:

"Though thousands of miles away—and it takes a long, long time to receive mail—the Aleppo Monthly News is very, very welcome.

"Please send future copies to me as follows:

"M. M. Rosser, Lieut. SC USNR

"U.S.S. DuPage (APA41)

"c/o Fleet P. O.

"San Francisco, Calif."

## ALEPPO BAND ENTERTAINS AT FORT DEVENS

THE Aleppo Temple Shriners' Band made its second journey to Fort Devens at Ayer, Mass., to entertain the soldiers located at the Fort, Monday, December 6th.

The concert, which was given for the personnel of Fort Devens, under the sponsorship of the Fort Devens Square Club, was held at the Post Theatre No. 6. Judging from the response given our bandleader, Walter Smith, and the Shrine Band by the hundreds of soldiers present, the concert, which started at 7.30 p.m. and lasted nearly two hours, was greatly appreciated.

Transportation for the band from Boston to Fort Devens and return was arranged through the Boston Elevated Railway by officers of the Club and upon arrival at the Fort, the visiting Nobility, headed by Potentate Wilson, were given a dinner at the Detachment Mess No. 12 of the Lovell General Hospital.

This concert was the second of its kind presented by the Shrine Band at Fort Devens this year, they having made the journey Monday, May 3d, to present a concert at the Base Hospital.



#### NOBLE E. W. JACOCKS APPOINTED IMPERIAL RECORDER

A NOTHER high honor came to Aleppo Temple on November 23d when Imperial Potentate Morely E. MacKenzie appointed Noble Everett W. Jacocks, of Aleppo, as Imperial Recorder, succeeding the late lamented Imperial Recorder, Illustrious Noble James H. Price, who was suddenly called to his reward on Monday, November 22, 1943, at his home in Richmond, Virginia.

Noble Jacocks, who is a Life Member of Aleppo Temple, having joined in 1923, has been the Assistant Imperial Recorder since Illustrious Noble Price assumed the office of Imperial Recorder in 1927. He has a vast experience and intimate knowledge of the laws and activities of the Mystic Shrine, as well as a wide acquaintanceship which eminently qualifies him to carry on the activities of the Imperial Recorder's office.

Aleppo Temple feels highly honored at this appointment and sincerely hopes he will receive the same co-operation from the Nobility of North America as was enjoyed by his predecessor.

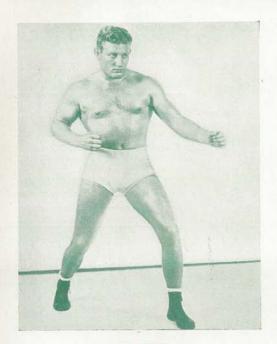
## ALEPPO TEMPLE SPECIAL MEETING

Shrine Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston at 5.00 P.M.

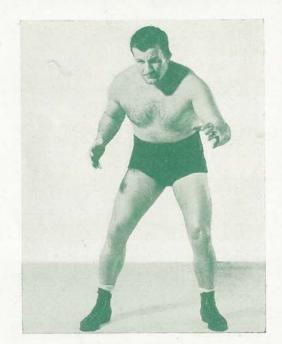
A Special Meeting of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., will be held at the above named time and place to ballot on candidates for the degrees. The Order will be conferred upon novices in waiting; without the rigorous ordeal of the "Moslem Test."

This Special Meeting, to close the year, 1943, is intended especially for men in the Armed Forces, or about to leave for service.

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By J. Arthur McCoy Associate Editor

OUR men in the service are busily engaged in other areas and we have heard no news this month. Joseph Aveni, we regret to learn, has received a disability discharge and is at home in Dedham. Perhaps he will be with us at drills before long.

John Stratis was the guest of his son at West Point, October 16th — Army won the game. Orrin Andrews, of the second platoon, and long absent in defense work in Rhode Island, attended the ball with Mrs. Andrews, on the 29th. Mac Weiss, also of the second platoon, now finds that his business permits his return to drills.

Fred Richardson, the oldest veteran on the patrol, is recuperating from an operation, and is at his home, Baltimore Street,

We welcome three new members to the patrol this month: William Heiligman, John W. Campbell, and Walter H. Keers. Noble Heiligman is an art dealer in Boston. He is a member of Charity Lodge, Scribe of Cambridge Chapter and a member of Boston Commandery. He served in the navy during World War No. 1. Noble Campbell is a steam fitter, in Lynn, and is a member of Damascus Lodge and Mass. Consistory. Noble Walter H. Keers is a salesman, lives in Arlington, and is a member of Lafayette Lodge, Dorchester Chapter and St. Omer Commandery.

Alec Campbell's son, Robert, has received a medical discharge from the Army and is home again. Now Alec's third son is entering the service as a lieutenant. Alec is in the Temporary Coast Guard Reserve (more of this next month).

Bill Strong registered at a hotel in Fall River, just prior to the Circus at Boston,

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and returning to the hotel after the evening at the circus, found his hotel burned out—and his personal belongings an entire loss.



#### LETTERS FROM NOBLES

(Continued from Page 1)

"Dear Potentate:

"Many thanks for the carton of Pall Malls, and more especially for the spirit which prompted the remembrance.

"I hope that Aleppo is enjoying a successful season.

"With all best wishes,

"MEYER WEKER, "Lt., 787th M. P. Bu., "Fort Meade, Md."

"Dear Bob:

"Let me take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your very generous thought in sending Yuletide Greetings in the form of cigarettes. To us who are in the Service, our thoughts go back to the folks at home, particularly at this time. So, to know that our friends also think of us is particularly gratifying.

"You may know that Sahara Temple is located in Pine Bluff. My wife and I went to a chicken supper at the Temple recently and we are planning to have Thanksgiving dinner there also. There is to be a Ceremonial on that day and it will be my first opportunity to see some of the degree work here. I expect to find it very interesting and entertaining and we are looking forward to a most enjoyable time.

"My best regards to all the Nobles of Aleppo and particularly the members of the Band with whom I played for over fifteen years.

"Again, many thanks for the cigarettes and may the spirit of the holiday bring us all good tidings.

"Yours in Aleppo,
"Karl D. Bean,
"1st. Lt. CWS,
"605 W 29th St.,
"Pine Bluff, Ark."

"Dear Nobles:

"Your thoughtful gift is in my possession, and I want you to know how much I appreciate the kind thoughts that center around it. I, too, hope that soon we will all be able to meet together and enjoy each other's fine fellowship.

"Thank you again.

"Fraternally yours,

"Cpl. J. H. Chernoff, "Co B, RC., "Fort Devens, Mass."

"Dear Bob:

"Another year has rolled around and again I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and the Nobles who have passed with me over the hot sands; for your welcome and thoughtful Christmas gift, despite the fact 'we are fighting a war' on the home grounds. The thought with the gift is probably appreciated by us

serving at home even more, or as much as the appreciation of the gift itself by those in foreign lands, where such an article may well be a rarity.

"Again let me say thank you; and good wishes to all the Nobles for the holiday season, so soon approaching.

"Tell 'Whit' Ireland to get that Mounted

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"Sincerely yours,

"HERB POTTER."

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#### ALEPPO BOWLING

By VAIL K. HAAK

Associate Editor

AS this column goes to press we have just completed our third night of bowling. The leaders at the present with 9 points won and 3 lost are "The Assistant Rabban" team, lead by Percy Davis. This team's position in the sun is chiefly due to their Captain, Noble James, who holds the high 3-string of 343 and the high single of 125. Jerry is also the runner-up to Harry Gordon for the high average. Dick Halliday has 119 for second high while J. C. Juthe has rolled 312 for runner-up in the high 3. The scores have not started to soar as yet, there being only 6 men averaging between 95 and 102.

Two new faces have appeared on the scene this year. Noble Ernest Jones and Noble Joseph Stead. We are very glad to have them with us and know that they will enjoy their bowling with "Nobility."

Sorry to lose Andy Hill at our Thursday night bowling. Andy, however, is bowling with the "Aleppo Team" on Monday in the Amateur Boston Pin League. Incidentally, at this time Aleppo is in first place.

I was in error last month, when I said that Jim Greig was at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. I found out later that he was at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital and after paying him a visit I wish to report that Jim appears to be doing nicely and felt better than he has felt in the past three years.

Harold Chase is gradually rounding into shape after a strenuous summer of bowling on the green. It takes Harold a few weeks to get back into our kind of bowling.

Due to business we miss our good friend Al Robbins, who for a few years had the option on the Potentate's Trophy. Since Al hasn't been around there doesn't seem to be the same enthusiasm for the dot game.

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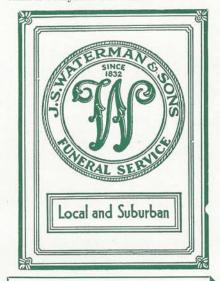
## PRESIDING COUNCILS CLUB

THE first meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts Presiding Councils Club this season was held on Saturday, November 6th. A special guest was the Rt. Em. Grand Commander George B. Sampson, newly elected head of Templarism in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This Club offers the only opportunity for the Grand Commander to meet collectively, all the active members of the various Councils in this jurisdiction and to lay before them his plans and aims for the year.

In the past the Club has been assigned many of the social programs of the Grand Commandery as well as the complete furnishing of a Day Room for enlisted men at Camp Edwards and the purchase of a perpetual endowment in the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital Fund. The Day Room furnishing project was started under the term of Capt. Bill Sharpe, of the Aleppo Patrol, and is frequently known as "Sharpe's Hut." This same Day Room now needs a good usable full-size Pool Table and Bill says this is a "must." It is hoped that through the columns of the Aleppo News someone may be able to secure this needed article. If you know where or how we can obtain a Pool Table, please contact Harold L. Burr, Secretary-Treasurer of the Club. Noble Burr, who has been an officer of the Aleppo Arab Patrol for many years, may be addressed Aleppo News, 97 Huntington Ave., Boston.

The Grand Commander spoke at length on his plans for the year and wherein he felt the Club could be of assistance to him. Other distinguished guests were Very Em. Sir G. Lester Marston, Deputy Grand Commander; the junior Past Grand Commander William O. Tuckerman; Em. Sir George A. Weeks, Grand Junior Warden and Em. Sir J. Herbert Hinds, Division

Commander. One of the matters discussed was the best way for the Club to aid the Springfield unit of the Shrine Hospital. Plans are under way for action to this end at the next meeting, for although many of the Club members are not as yet Shriners, the relief of a crippled child is everyones business.



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By Noble Charles C. Fearing

Associate Editor

"THE MUSIC GOES 'ROUND AND 'ROUND"

WE were AWOL last month, but find we were in distinguished company, as the other guys who write "Patrol Patter" and "The Prayer Rug" were also nonexistant in the November issue.

Our excuse is legitimate, however, as we suffered from Lapsus memoriae (look that one up), which is a terrible affliction but not necessarily fatal. So here we are again wracking our brain (if any), to think up something to fill this space with, but owing to a dearth of anything very exciting in the way of news are having a hard time to

make the grade. One rehearsal night a few weeks ago we were agreeably surprised to have a visitor in the person of Noble Robert Bancroft, at one time a resident of Medford but who for several years past has been located in New York state. He was in Boston with his better half on a little vacation and took this occasion to shake hands with some of his old band mates. Robert used to play alto horn with the band, and he sat in on this occasion and tooted with the rest of the gang. He said it seemed natural to be playing with the band again after the lapse of so many years, and to hear the "music go 'round and 'round" and come out somewhere. We hope he will not wait so long again before taking another vacation trip to this section.

Another visitor recently was Noble Harry Albro, from way down on Cape Cod. Harry used to play in the brass section and attended rehearsals often, in spite of the fact that he had to drive all the way from the tip of the Cape. He now holds a commission as Major in the State Guard. As usual he was full of stories and unloaded a bunch of them. One of the best things he did was to recite in Italian dialect a poem about a champ named Tony, a fisherman down on the Cape, and it was very funny. In fact, the boys enjoyed it so much he had to repeat it several times for the benefit of new arrivals. We hope some time he will send us a copy of it as we consider it a classic.

The band is booked for a trip to Fort Devens on December 6th, and we only hope the weather will not be down to "freezo." When the thermometer gets down in the lower levels there is no colder spot, short of the North Pole, than Devens. If we survive we will tell about the trip in the next issue.

"The Mystery of Sex," picked out of the air somewhere. He: "I can't see what keeps girls from freezing." She: "You're not supposed to."

With which parting quip we will close. Wishing you the same.

C. C. F.

## ALEPPO STAG NIGHT AT BOSTON ARENA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th

WARIETY — the spice of life — will be the keynote of the wrestling program to be staged at the annual Aleppo Temple Stag Night to be held in the Boston Arena, Monday night, December 20th, when promoter Paul Bowser will present four top-flight matches for the annual card for the Nobles of Aleppo and their friends. The program will feature Leo Numa, Seattle, vs. Les Ryan, Fordham, in the main bout.

The supporting card will pit Marvin Westenberg, former world's champion, vs. Jim Wallis, Holy Cross; Dr. John "Drop-Kick" Murphy, Malden osteopath, vs. Steve Passas, light-heavyweight champion; and Frank Judson, former Harvard coach, vs. Andy Meixner, Brooklyn, completing a round-up that will offer the Nobles everything in the way of wrestling from the meanest rough house style of Meizner to the smooth working methods of Dr. Murphy.

Nobles will be admitted upon presentation of their 1943 Shrine Card. Members of Aleppo may procure as many guest tickets as they wish by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Recorder's Office, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, or by calling at Shrine Headquarters in person any time before the day of the event. Full particulars regarding the complete program for the Aleppo Annual Stag Night will be found on page 3 of this issue.

#### LEGGEE KILL STIRS SPORTSMEN

UNCONFIRMED rumors in the sporting world still persist that our martial assistant recorder, Harvey Benjamin Leggee, active member of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, recently transported a deer, hors de combat, from Princeton, Maine, winter playground of New England's upper crust sportsmen.

Noble Harvey, alias the Sergeant, as proof of the kill, offers a 1943 license to shoot at game in the Pine Tree State plus a permit to transport a deer carcass across the State line. Dubious critics are frankly sceptical of the obvious time interval between the two permits.

Further controversy has resulted from the fact that the deer (Exhibit A) appears to have been shot in the eye. Seasoned game hunters for some reason quote a Maine State law to the effect that the use of a lighted lantern in night hunting has been prohibited by law since Anah Temple of Bangor took over the winter hunting season concession from the Penobscot Indians. Sergeant Leggee in rebuttal, has quoted the immortal words of Col. William Prescott at Bunker Hill concerning the white area of the optics of an approaching foe, and further insists that an Ancient always gets his man — or the doe.

N.B. Latest bulletins are to the effect that Exhibit A is still at the State line.

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#### FEZ WEARER IN COMMAND

MAJOR GEN. WILLIAM E. KEPNER veteran army airman, has assumed command of the United States Eighth Air Force fighter command in England. The new command portends an extensive expansion of the fighter force in a new tactical air force designed to blast the way for a cross-channel invasion.

Noble Kepner of Aahmes Temple, Oakland, California, won the Gordon Bennett international balloon race trophy in 1928. His latest command shift was linked with the visit of Gen. H. H. Arnold, a noble of Abdallah Temple, of Leavenworth, Kansas, to England and his declaration that "we are progressing with the development of planes, crews and technique for a Britishbased tactical air force to do what the tactical air force in northwest Africa did so brilliantly in Tunisia and Sicily and now is doing in Italy."

#### SHRINE LAUNCHINGS

Aahmes Temple, of Oakland, California, went with its Band, Uniformed Units, Nobles and ladies as guests of Henry Kaiser's Permanente Metals Shipyards. They rode the unique Richmond Shipyard Railway and let out a mighty whoop when Potentate and Mrs. Herman Engelhardt christened a Liberty Ship on its way to

Up in Portland the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation named a Victory ship in honor of Irving W. Pratt, who served as Al Kader Temple's charter Potentate from 1888 to 1902.

#### NOBLE COMMANDS IN AFRICA

In command of the First Battalion of American troops to land in Africa, last November, was Major Frederick C. Feil. In a delayed letter to Potentate William Heim, Noble Feil tells his Lu Lu friends of the impressive sights when "the dawn came up like thunder" over the African horizon.

#### ACTING WITHOUT ACTING

Walter Brennan, one of our finest character actors, recently performed one of his finest characteristic acts-and he wasn't acting. It's the natural thing for this veteran Hollywood star to brighten the lives of the unfortunate.

While on location for the Samuel Goldwyn production, "Home in Indiana," he visited our nearby Shrine Hospital Unit at Lexington. Over eighty came from the movie colony to film some "home" and "horse" sequences. Walter took time out to head a group of performers who entertained the kiddies. He told some stories some tall ones, too — and captivated them with the revelation that he and Mickey Mouse lived together. To please Donald Duck's admirers, he told of Donald's frequest visits to Walter's swimming pond.

The kids laughed with unbounded glee and acclaimed Brennan as No. 1 on their

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Standing at his post aboard an American warship in the South Pacific, young Allen Gordon, of the Marines, was struck below the left breast by a 20 mm. anti-aircraft shell which pierced his intestines and lodged in his left hip. By freakish chance, the shell had not exploded. Gordon knew he was a human bomb.

Thus began one of the strangest stories of war surgery, which culminated when two doctors, working behind steel plate, operated on a lad who might explode at any moment.

At a hospital still under construction at an island outpost Lt. Comdr. Jesse B. Griffith, of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Penna., performed the operation. Noble Griffith, formerly with the Western Pennsylvania hospital staff, was the surgeon who removed the "dud" from the brave little dude, despite the fear that he would explode.

#### "YOU GAVE ME MY LIFE"

In September, 1936, little Nolan Lawer was admitted to our Portland Unit. The lad of twelve was treated for osteomyelitis and bone inflammation which threatened a deformity of the hips. The competent and kindly attentions of our Hospital staff were highly effective and Nolan was discharged in 1938.

If Shriners seek compensation for their efforts, or reward for their merciful contributions, it will be found in these simple, frank, inspiring words from Nolan:

"Dear Shriners: It won't be long till I am going to pay a little call on those little men that caused all this trouble. I will be going over there in a short while. I have been looking forward to this for a long time and now it has happened.

I hope that I can do a little to help in paying for the great service that you gave me. You will never know what it means to me to be one of those that will be there

when the final push is made on the Japs and Germans. I hope I will be able to do my part.

I have to go now, so you will see me after the war is over. Some day, somehow, I will pay it all back. You gave me my life, so it isn't too much for me to give mine for the children that are given a new life, too. I will do the job over there.

'Till We Meet Again,'

NOLAN W. LAWER, U. S. Navy."

#### APPRECIATION

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